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TO: Tennessee's Early Intervention System (TEIS) District Administrators, Special Education Supervisors

FROM: Jamie Thomas Kilpatrick, Director Early Childhood Programs

RE: **Summer Service Provision and Practices for Children Turning Three in the Spring/Summer**

This policy memo is to clarify summer service provision and practices for children turning three in the spring or summer.

For children who are eligible for Part B services and turn three in the late spring or summer, the Individual Education Planning (IEP) team **MUST** meet before the child's third birthday to determine what services may be needed for the child at age three. It is not appropriate to defer the consideration of timely services for preschool children based on the fact that they have not been in Part B service, or because regression has not been documented by the Local Education Agency (LEA). Services over the summer may be different than services offered by the LEA during the school year and may supplement Early Intervention summer waiver services. IEP services should be documented as to the dates and duration of the LEA provided services on the IEP services page. It is appropriate to document Early Intervention summer waiver services in the IEP conference notes.

TN Rules and Regulations 0520-1-9-.09 LEA Eligibility

Identifies, locates, and evaluates all children who are suspected of having disabilities, including children attending non-public schools, regardless of the severity of their disabilities, and who may be in need of special education and related services. These services may be provided to children with disabilities under early transition agreements who are not yet three (3) years of age. If the child's birthday falls during the summer months, the IEP team will determine when special education services begin but no later than the beginning of the next school year.